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Member Spotlight 2022 AIA Las Vegas President John Sawdon, AIA

I AM AIA LAS VEGAS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

I Am A Member Of The American Institute Of Architects (AIA) Because... being associated with an organization made up of like-minded individuals who believe that through design, we can improve the lives of others and provide a positive impact on the communities where we live. AIA provides an opportunity to share knowledge, collaborate on issues facing our industry, and give back to the profession.

During my high school years, the summer months and holidays were spent working for my buddy's father who owed a construction company. Each day I went to work at the project site I got the opportunity to help build and contribute to it. I got to see all the different components of a building come together. Every time I would return home for the holidays or summer breaks, I had the opportunity to see the finished building. It was at that point that I realized I wanted to become an Architect.

I graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology (now called Lawrence Technological University) in Southfield Michigan and relocated to Arizona. I received my initial licensure in the state of Arizona. The firm I worked for in Arizona was closing and one of the partner's offered me a job at the firm he was working for in Las Vegas.



JOHN SAWDON, AIA

I received my Master's in Architecture from University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and was part of the first graduating classes from the new School of Architecture. I have spent most of my professional career either working for or owning the same firm. I am proud to be one of the six principals at Knit.

What is the most important thing you've learned? One of the most important things I have learned is the value of building and maintaining strong relationships in both my personal life and professional life.

What is your favorite piece of Architecture and why? There are so many great pieces of architecture so it's hard to focus on just one. But if I had to pick, I would say Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water in Mills Run, PA. I was very fortunate to see this incredible work in the middle of winter in all its glory with a light dusting of snow. The house truly becomes part of the site. Each interior space is very thoughtfully designed for the intended purpose of each space.

Where will you be in 20 years? In 20 years, I will hopefully be enjoying the view of the Pacific Ocean from my beach house in Montecito, CA.

What person, living or dead would you most like to talk with? There are two people I would most like to talk with: First, is Ronald Reagan and second is Bruce McLaren.



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ATA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we meet the dawn of 2022, we are filled with the hope and joy of the holiday spirit that this year will bring a better world for us to live in. Here are a few hopeful predictions for 2022. First, the corona virus will be under control and life will return to a new and better normal. We will implement the positive changes these challenging years have presented us with and we will continue to flourish. Next, interest rates will remain low (as well as inflation) and our industry will have a year of incredible growth. Supply will meet demand and our elected officials will figure out how to work together for the common good.

The year 2022 will be exciting for the Las Vegas Chapter as we focus on the theme, The Business of Architecture. We have several events planned for the year with many of our marquee events returning to in-person formats. In January, we will kick off the year with a live panel made up of architects and allied industry leaders to discuss how the Business of Architecture impacts them and their own business. In April, we will have some in-person socials in addition to getting to practice our business development skills at the 48th annual golf tournament, once again at the private TPC Summerlin Golf Club. In May, we will celebrate our future architects with our high school design awards going back to an in-person celebration. This is only the beginning!



JOHN SAWDON, AIA

This year, we are also going to take some risks, as a good business does, by rolling out two new events. After a much-needed summer vacation, we will welcome everyone back with a barbeque social and following that, a Top Golf Tournament. In October we will brush-up on our legal knowledge with the return of the Mock Trial membership meeting. Finally, we will conclude 2022 with another outstanding Holiday and Design Awards Gala. While I have only listed a few events, committees will continue to meet on a regular basis to provide outstanding meetings which support the vision and the success of AIA Las Vegas.

Interested in getting involved? Sponsorships are still available for all of these events and Committees are actively looking for members who are passionate for change to join.

As I closeout this article I would like to express my sincere appreciation for James Horvath's commitment, knowledge, and leadership for AIA Las Vegas over the past year. James has left the Chapter in the best position moving into 2022 and I look forward to working with each of you to continue to elevate the role of AIA in our community. Thank You!

Happy New Year,

John Sawdon, AIA

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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The AIA Las Vegas November Membership Meeting "Advocacy & Activism in Architecture"

was recorded and is available online.

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JOIN US ON JANUARY 19TH TO PREVIEW THE PLANS FOR AIA LAS VEGAS AND KICK-OFF 2022

We are planning for a live and in person meeting from 5:30 to 7:30pm with a cash bar and hors d' oeuvres. Our location has not been confirmed yet.

There is no charge to attend but we do ask the courtesy of an RSVP so that we may plan accordingly.

No Walk-ins Please.



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PLEASE NOTE

In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, at this time we are requiring a valid COVID-19 vaccine card or a negative PCR test no more than three days before the event for entry. (A picture on your phone or in the CLEAR app will suffice as well.) In keeping with the State of Nevada Mandate requirements, We are also asking everyone to wear a mask unless they are eating or drinking.

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AIA LAS VEGAS 2022 MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

As of November 2021. Please note that events and meetings may be added or changed, i.e., EPYAF Events, Women In Architecture Meetings, AIA LV COTE Events, AIA LV Allied Meetings, Special Art, Architecture and Design Month Events and other special Committee events.

JANUARY

13	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
18	AIA LV COTE 2030 Roundtable
19	Live AIA Member Meeting - Kick Off
27	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

FEBRUARY

10	UNLV SoA Virtual Lecture - Carlo Ratti and
	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
16	Virtual AIA Member Meeting - Program TBA
24	ATA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

MARCH

10	UNLV SoA Virtual Lecture - MVRDV and
	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
10	TDA
16	Live AIA Member Meeting - Program TBA

APRIL ART ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN MONTH

11	47th Annual Golf Tournament - TPC
14	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
14	Virtual AIA Member Meeting - Program TBA
28	ΔΙΔ I V Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

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12	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
18	Live AIA Member Meeting - High School
	Design Awards Hosted by the EOC
26	ATA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPFN

JUNE

9	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
23	No Member Meeting This Month

JULY

14	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
20	No Member Meeting This Month
28	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

AUGUST

11	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
17	Live AIA Member Meeting - BBQ
25	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
29	Top Golf Tournament

SEDTEMBED

21 Learn About/Turn About Product Show

OCTOBER

19	Live AIA Member Meeting - Mock Trial
13	AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN
5	Allied & Sponsor Appreciation

NOVEMBER

Virtual AIA | NSBAIDRD C.E. Seminar
 Virtual AIA Member Meeting - Program TBA

DECEMBER

2 AIA Holiday & Design Awards Gala 8 AIA LV Virtual CE Luncheon - OPEN

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MATERIALITY OF TILE | DESIGN AND DINE JANUARY 11, 2022

LOCATION

Wildhorse Golf Club 2100 W. Warm Springs Road, Henderson, NV

SCHEDULE | JANUARY 11, 2022

11:30-12:00 Tabletops 12:00-1:00 Lunch and presentation 1:00-1:30 Tabletops

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

This program takes a detailed look at the criteria set forth in ANSI and ASTM standards that establish the visual, physical, and performance requirements for the various types of ceramic tile. The program examines tile's aesthetic classifications, its dimensional stability, and other factors that impact the appearance of the finished assembly. It also looks at the physical criteria of strength, water absorption, resistance to scratching, impact, and other loads, slip resistance, and other physical criteria set forth in the standards. Finally, the program looks at the performance of the finished tile assembly and how the visual and physical properties work in concert to provide a beautiful, durable, and versatile finish that will last for generations.

PRESENTER

Scott Conwell, FAIA, FCSI, CDT, LEED AP has been with IMI for 25 years. He sits on the Tile Marble Terrazzo craft committee of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, the TCNA Handbook Committee, and the ANSI A108 Committee for Ceramic Tile. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and the Construction Specifications Institute.

EDUCATION

This program is registered with AIA for 1.0 Learning Units (LUs) including 1.0 Health Safety Welfare (HSW) LUs. IMI will provide certificates for self-reporting.

COST

There is no cost to attend, and lunch is included.

REGISTRATION

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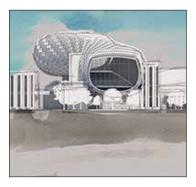




ATA NV EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN RECIPIENTS

The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Program recognizes achievements for a broad range of architectural activity to elevate the general quality of architecture practice, establish a standard of excellence against which all architects can measure performance and inform the public of the breadth and value of architecture practice. AIA Nevada advocates that quality architecture is sustainable architecture.

This year, we had 51 entries in 6 Categories with 18 Award Recipients. Our Jury was made up of Chair Michael Strohmer, AIA from HKS Architects in Los Angeles, CA; Jill Jones, AIA from AJC Architects in Salt Lake City, UT; and Sue Gray, AIA from BWS Architects in Phoenix, AZ. The Awards were distributed as follows. **Click on the image** to see the submittal.



CITATION AWARD

Academic Category

Future School

Carlos Reynoso

Jury Comments: "The project presented a thoughtful "big idea" and the use of watercolor was well done to help create interest. The library, kitchen, and café space tie the conventional spaces together.

This project presented an exciting approach on spatial organization.

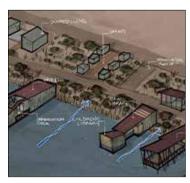
CITATION AWARD

Academic Category

Wells Trailhead Research and Education Facility

Diana Arista

Jury Comments: The project presented a strong overall design solution with an emphasis on sustainability and its connection with the natural environment. Jurors were



impressed with the interesting approach to biophilic strategies. The use of watercolors helped relay the overall architectural feel for the design solutions.

MERIT AWARD Academic Category

The Vault

Rafael Armendariz, Assoc. AIA and Aubrey Nelson

Jury Comments: The project presented a strong concept and creative approach in reference to the overall massing. The style with symmetry disrupted

for the sitting was exciting and original. The jury appreciated how the precedence studies influenced the design and appreciated the redefining of a traditional campus.





HONOR AWARD

Academic Category

Ponte E Torre

Dominic Armendariz, Maxwell Vela and Kevin Tsao

Jury Comments: The project presentation was simple, clean and beautifully composed. There was great restraint on what to present which allowed the project to flow. The jury was

very impressed with the season and natural light study in addition to the built model and 3D graphics. The project demonstrated a well thought out idea and a very refined solution.



MERIT AWARD

Built Category Residential Architecture\ Interiors

Fort 137

Daniel Joseph Chenin, Ltd.

Jury Comments: This project is beautifully detailed, and the craftsmanship is impressive. The material selections and colors compliment the desert

and the connections to the exterior living spaces are wonderful. The design includes great sustainable elements.

HONOR AWARD

Built Category Residential Architecture\ Interiors

Desert House

assemblageSTUDIO

Jury Comments: This project beautifully achieves project goals, and the detailing

was cohesive throughout. The

design had strong connection of exterior materials with softening of interior materials. The minimalist design supports the concept to slow down and enjoy the environment.

AIA NV EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN RECIPIENTS



CITATION AWARD

Built Category Commercial Architecture

Betty Engelstad School of **Health & Sciences** KNIT

Jury Comments: The design nicely demonstrates integration into the site topography and has a wellexecuted architectural

solution. The project exceeds the 2018 IECC and LEED V4.0. The design has a nice mix of exterior materials, architectural features, and social spaces.

MERIT AWARD

Built Category Commercial Architecture

B-Tech Towers tska / Huayi Design

Jury Comments: This is a wellexecuted large-scale project that has strong sustainability measures and is well integrated into its site and context. The

building's massing, materials and form are magnificent. The succulent wall and landscape design compliment the modern, contemporary high-rise.



HONOR AWARD

Built Category Commercial Architecture

Las Vegas Convention Center Phase II Expansion

TVS Nevada, Inc., tska, Simpson Coulter | STUDIO, KME Architects and Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects

Jury Comments: This project demonstrates strong

overlaying concept of creating a ribbon that connects the building to its context. The jury was particularly impressed by the roof studies, crisp and bright interiors as well as the overall relationship to the monorail.



HONOR AWARD

Built Category Commercial Architecture

Nevada State College School of Education

Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects

Jury Comments: This project demonstrated strong commitment to the mission and vision statements which

were apparent in the design. The design had well documented sustainability elements, including building orientation which supports the campus master pan. The jury was pleased with the overall development of the indoor-outdoor spaces.



CITATION AWARD

Built Category Hospitality

The Londoner's Crystal **Palace**

Gensler

Jury Comments: This project shows that it achieves its intended design goal. The members of the jury were impressed with the strong

attention to the detailing of the design.

HONOR AWARD

Built Category Hospitality

Barry's Downtown Prime PUNCH

Jury Comments: This project

was absolutely beautiful and achieved the "old Las Vegas" atmosphere it desired. The design was unique in that it allowed space to be sectioned



off during slow times which allows for a more intimate feel. This project was rich and well executed.

AIA NV EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN RECIPIENTS

MERIT AWARD

Built Category Commercial Interiors

RTA Las Vegas

Dan Brunn Architecture

Jury Comments: This project has a design solution which achieves the goal to create an of exclusivity. It includes clean lines and makes the most of a small space while keeping a



high level of detail. This project is sophisticated and well executed.



HONOR AWARD

Built Category Commercial Interiors

Atelier 2.0

Daniel Joseph Chenin, Ltd.

Jury Comments: This project has a solution which shows sustainable design intent and innovation. It does a great job at documenting the dramatic use of materials which results in an

unexpected mixture of old and new.



CITATION AWARD

Unbuilt Category

White Cross

PUNCH

Jury Comments: This project did a wonderful job at the renovation and exposure of the existing architectural elements such as the bow string trusses and masonry. The jury appreciated the selection of

interior ceiling lights and other finishes to pay homage to the "old Vegas" glitz.



Unbuilt Category

Johnny Utah PUNCH

Jury Comments: This project had a clean participation and a nice integration with the landscape and site. It included an appropriate desert response while ensuring sustainable strategies and sophisticated material palette.



MERIT AWARD

Unbuilt Category

Habitat Office Complex PUNCH

Jury Comments: This project had an interesting transformation of purely utilitarian buildings. This is an example of a concept that could be applied to several existing properties to improve their future value.



MERIT AWARD

Unbuilt Category

Medical Education Building for the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine

tska and CO Architects

Jury Comments: This project is of large mass and well presented. It shows good delineation between the large gathering areas versus the

more private areas in regard to fenestration on the exterior. The project strives for LEED V4 Silver Certification, energy and water use reductions as well as integrated strategies associated with exterior and recreation areas.



AIA NV DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Nevada) honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through this annual awards program. It is designed to recognize the significant contributions made to the profession of architecture, and to the larger community through the various levels of AIA membership. This year, at our Design and Service Awards Celebration on December 4th in the Four Seasons Grand Ballroom, the recipients were awarded as follows. **Click on their image** to see their submittal.

AIA NEVADA SILVER MEDAL - DWAYNE ESHENBAUGH, AIA

This is the highest honor that the AIA Nevada Chapter can bestow upon an individual. It is given in recognition of the most distinguished service to the profession of architecture and a significant body of work of lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture in the state of Nevada. No more than one award is given in any year.

Jury Comments: "Dwayne is everything that a Silver Medal Award winner should be. A true professional that has remained humble and kept a perspective of what is important in our profession and in life. His professional design achievements are only equaled by his personal and professional generosity to those in need in his community. With strengths and achievements in so many areas of critical importance to our society – for our communities and those that live within them – Dwayne is a true role model for us all."



Congratulations Dwayne!



AIA NEVADA FIRM AWARD - DANIEL JOSEPH CHENIN, LTD.

This is the highest honor that the AIA Nevada Chapter can bestow upon an architecture firm. It is awarded to recognize a firm that has consistently produced distinguished architecture and has shown a commitment to the AIA and the profession of architecture and has been a service to the community in which they are located.

Jury Comments: "The quality of their design is unquestionable, but what also distinguishes them is their contributions of time and talent to the community and organizations that help people in important ways. These exceptionally creative minds have also proven that they have a lot of heart."

Congratulations to the team at Daniel Joseph Chenin, Ltd.

AIA NEVADA YOUNG ARCHITECT AWARD - CLEMENTE CICORIA, AIA

This award is given to individuals who at an early stage of their architectural career have shown, exceptional leadership in design, education and /or service to the profession

Jury Comments: "Clemente demonstrates passion for the profession and incredible design talent. The design awards that Clemente's Punch Architecture firm have won are a testament to this. He is a leader in his own Firm and makes time to give back to the next generation at UNLV."

Congratulations Clemente!



AIA NV DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

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AIA NEVADA ASSOCIATE MEMBER AWARD - DESTANEE COOK, ASSOCIATE AIA

This honor is awarded to the individual Associate Member who has contributed significantly to the profession of architecture through their membership and participation in their local Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

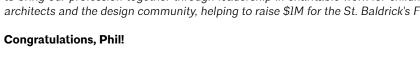
Jury Comments: "As a young professional mentoring other young people, Destanee gives us a new and strengthened hope for the bright future of Architecture in Nevada and beyond. Destanee's inspiring body of work and extraordinary service epitomize the meaning and purpose of this award "

Congratulations, Destanee!

AIA NEVADA ALLIED MEMBER AWARD - PHILLIP N. RALSTON

This honor is awarded to the individual Allied Member who has contributed significantly to the profession of architecture through their membership and participation in their local Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Jury Comments: "Phil has had a positive impact on the profession through his community planning, and development of high-quality commercial properties. Most importantly, he has worked tirelessly to bring our profession together through leadership in charitable work for childhood cancer involving architects and the design community, helping to raise \$1M for the St. Baldrick's Foundation charity."





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AIA NEVADA CITIZEN ARCHITECT AWARD - MELVIN D. GREEN, AIA

The Citizen Architect Award recognizes those architects who consistently apply design insights, talents, and training to advance leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement, and who strive to be a voice of the profession to the general public.

Jury Comments: "Melvin is a truly talented Architect who uses those talents to help plan, design, build, support and educate the communities he belongs to. Melvin is the very essence of what a Citizen Architect is and can be. His work for those who need it most makes me proud to be a part of his profession."

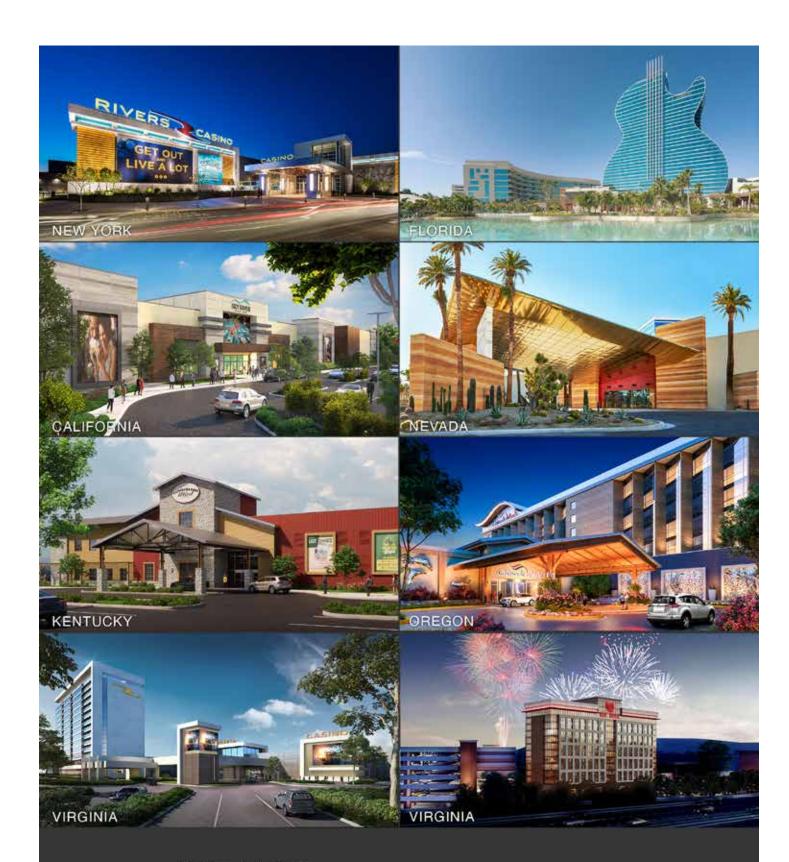
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AIA LAS VEGAS CHAPTER NEWS

AIA 2030 Commitment

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- DESIGN PRACTICES HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON BUILDING ENERGY USE

Architects have the most influence on Design

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Will Be Back In February 2022

Hosted by Kayleigh Hasshaw, 2022 AIA Allied Member Director

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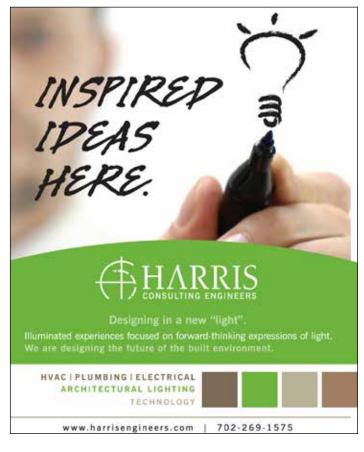
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AIA LAS VEGAS CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEONS

If you are interested in providing a Virtual, Hybrid or In Person AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon Click HERE for more information

We have the following dates available for CE Luncheons.

Please note: They are all on Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:30pm but this can be negotiated if necessary

January 13th and 27th February 10th and 24th March 10th and 24th April 14th and 28th May 12th and 26th June 9th July 14th and 28th August 11th and 25th

*September - AIA LV "Learn About /Turn About" Product Show October 13th

*November - AIA Nevada / NSBAIDRD CE Seminar December 8th



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COTE Committee

AIA LAS VEGAS COTE COMMITTEE CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

When: Tuesday, January 18th - 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm PST
What: "2030 Commitment: Reaching Net Zero Carbon On
Your Projects"

Presented by Matthew Welker, Assoc.AIA, Sr. Director, Sustainability and K&P Operations Strategy and Charlotte Dreizen, Sustainability Manager, Digital Products & Training, The American Institute of Architects.

Registered for 1 CE/HSW

The mission of the AIA's 2030 Commitment is to support the 2030 Challenge and transform the practice of architecture in a way that is holistic, firm-wide, project-based, and data-driven. By prioritizing energy performance, participating firms can more easily work toward carbon-neutral buildings by 2030. This course will provide an overview of the program. We'll use case studies to highlight why firms joined the 2030 Commitment, what they've learned, benefits to their firms, and discuss any difficulties with submitting project data into the Design Data Exchange (DDx). Along the way, we'll demystify myths about the program and describe the benefits to any size firm in becoming part of the 2030 Commitment.

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CONGRATULATIONS CECILIA!

Cecilia Schafler, President and Founder of Lage Design, is the 2021 recipient of the Nevada Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (NVASLA) Silver Award. Cecilia is the first UNLV Landscape Architecture alumnus to win the ASLA Silver Award. She is also the first female and minority to earn this award.



The Silver Award is the highest honor the Nevada Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects can bestow upon an individual and there have only been five prior recipients since the Chapter's inception. It is given in recognition of the most distinguished service to the profession of landscape architecture and/or a significant body of work having lasting influence on the theory, practice, and advancement of the profession in Nevada.

"Architecture is not so much a knowledge of form, but a form of knowledge."

Bernard Tschumi



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WRIGHT ENGINEERS ACCEPTS NATION'S TOP FIRM AWARD AT ZWEIG CONFERENCE



Wright Engineers' VP David Winn and his wife Amber represented Wright Engineers at the Zweig Hot Firm Conference in Denver earlier this month to accept the award for the nation's #1 Best Structural Engineering Firm to Work For. This is the fourth year in a row Wright Engineers has received the honor. The Best Firm to Work For award recognizes the top A/E

firms in the US and Canada based on an anonymous survey and criteria such as workplace practices, benefits, and retention rates. Each office celebrated the "4-peat" with activities such as indoor skydiving, parties, and a dinner cruise.





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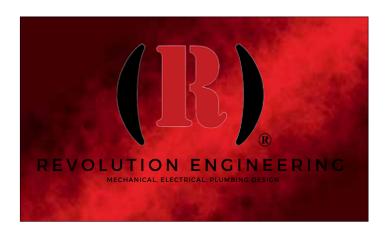


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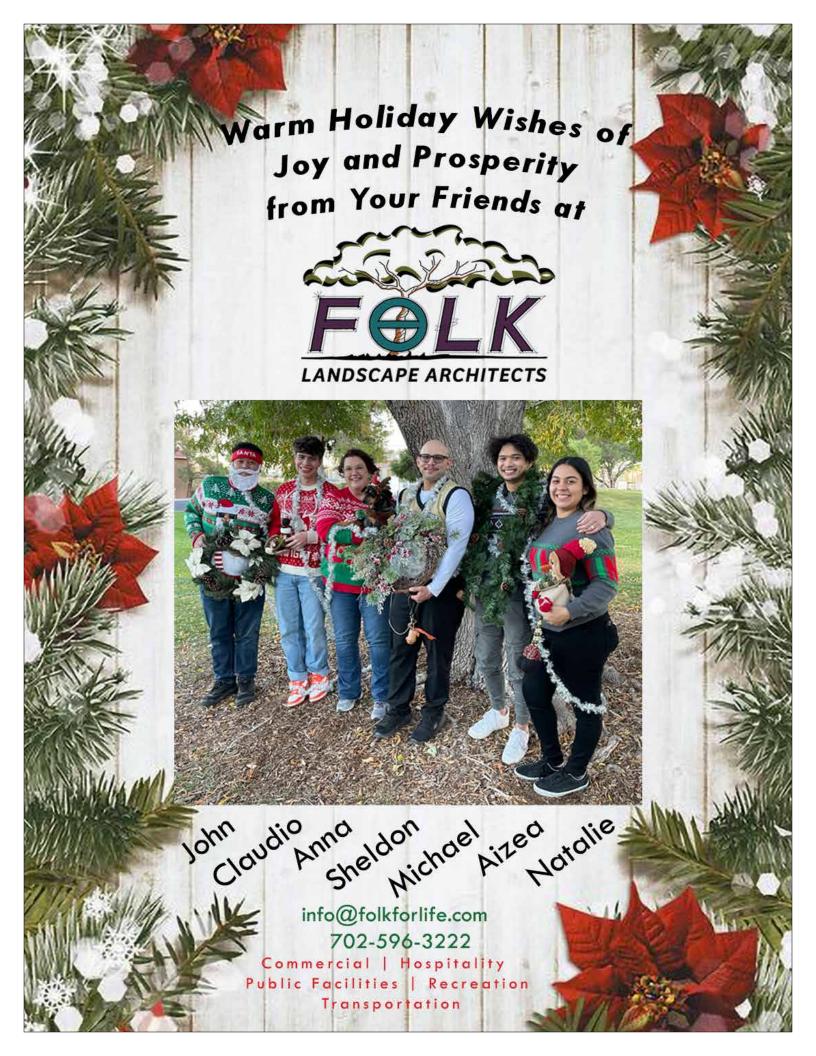
CONGRATULATIONS BURKE CONSTRUCTION, LEE & SAKAHARA AND WRIGHT ENGINEERS

Matter Park at West Henderson was recently named Economic Development Project of the Year at the Henderson Annual Economic Development Awards. The award recognizes a project that contributes significantly to job creation and economic expansion in the community. The project features multiple buildings including the home of the Las Vegas Raiderettes and the future practice facility and home of the Las Vegas Aces of the WNBA. The design-build team was led by Burke Construction Group. Lee & Sakahara is the project's architect and Wright is the structural engineer.



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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! AIA LV COMMITTES AND MEETING SCHEDULES

AIA Las Vegas Disaster Preparedness Committee

Chair: Troy Moser, AIA troy@moserarchitecture.com Virtual Meeting: lst Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm

AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee

Chair: Rick Van Diepen, AIA rick@GRNVision.com Virtual Meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30am

AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee

Co-Chair: Monica Gresser, AIA mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com Andrew Martin, AIA martin.andrew.design@gmail.com Virtual Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Allied Members Committee

Chair: Kayleigh Hasshaw khasshaw@tjkengineers.com Virtual Meeting 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30am

AIA Las Vegas Government Affairs Committee

Chair: Chris Lujan, AIA clujan@tska.com Virutal Meeting Schedule 1st Wendesday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Co-Chairs: Melvin Green, AIA melvin@kmearchitects.com Sydney Katz, katz@spkatz.com Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Education Outreach Committee

Chair: John Torpey. AIA jot751@aol.com Hybrid Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Women In Architecture Committee

Co-Chairs: Monica Gresser, AIA mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com Anna Peltier anna@arialandscape.com Hybrid Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas UNLV School of Architecture Committee

Chair: Glenn Nowak, AIA glenn.nowak@unlv.edu Virtual Meeting 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30am

AIA Las Vegas Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: John Sawdon, AIA johns@knitstudios.com Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00am

AIA Las Vegas EPYAF Committee

Chair: Brandon McLaughlin, AIA bmclaughlin@lgainc.com Virtual Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Urban Sketchers Committee

Chair: Eric Roberts, AIA ericr@knitstudios.com Virtual or In Person Meeting 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 or 11:00am

STEP UP! JOIN AN AIA LV COMMITTEE

Want to get involved? There's no better way than to join an AIA Committee.





SATURDAY, JAN. 8TH LIVE & IN PERSON

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm PST

They will be meeting at The Las Vegas Art Museum

West Sahara Library 9600 W Sahara Ave, LV, NV 89117

Masks are required for indoor spaces.

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AIA LAS VEGAS COTE COMMITTEE Rick Van Diepen, AIA Chair

SAVE YOUR PLANET AND GET HSW'S TOO!

Join us on January 18th at 2:30pm PST when we host **"2030 Commitment: Reaching Net Zero Carbon On Your Pojects."** Our

Presenters will be Matthew Welker, Assoc .AIA, Sr. Director, Sustainability and K&P Operations Strategy and Charlotte Dreizen, Sustainability Manager, Digital Products & Training, The American Institute of Architects.

The mission of the AIA's 2030 Commitment is to support the 2030 Challenge and transform the practice of architecture in a way that is holistic, firm-wide, project-based, and data-driven. By prioritizing energy performance, participating firms can more easily work toward carbon-neutral buildings by 2030. This course will provide an overview of the program. We'll use case studies to highlight why firms joined the 2030 Commitment, what they've learned, benefits to their firms, and discuss any difficulties with submitting project data into the Design Data Exchange (DDx). Along the way, we'll demystify myths about the program and describe the benefits to any size firm in becoming part of the 2030 Commitment.

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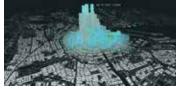
FREE LECTURES — SPRING 2022

The AIA Nevada Chapter and AIA Las Vegas Chapter, together with the UNLV School of Architecture cordially invite you to participate in these online lectures.

Each online lecture will be via Zoom with a 50-mins presentation, followed by a Q/A session. The lectures are on Thursday morning, from 10 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. Pacific Time. The focus of the presentations is on

Contemporary Urbanism: Architecture and Public Space changing

02/10
Thursday, February 10 at 10 a.m.



Carlo Ratti

Professor Carlo Ratti is founding director of the Senseable City Lab, a research institute at MIT, and principal of Carlo Ratti Associates in Turin, Italy. He combines cutting edge research with innovative practice.

www.carloratti.com and www.senseable.mit.edu



03/10
Thursday, March 10 at 10 a.m.

MVRDV

Professor Winy Maas, FAIA is founding partner of the global interdisciplinary practice MVRDV in Rotterdam, which he co-founded in 1993. In 2008, he founded the research institute The Why Factory at the TU Delft.

www.mvrdv.nl

Moderation: The lectures are curated by Dr. Steffen Lehmann, Assoc. AIA, UNLV Professor of Architecture and Director of the Urban Futures Lab

Please register through the AIA Las Vegas chapter links
There is no fee but you must register through AIA LV to receive the link to attend







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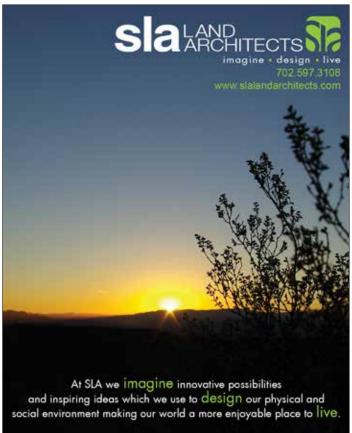
AIA Las Vegas Mentors

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Contact Glenn Nowak, AIA at glenn.nowak@unlv.edu







COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Las Vegas

Public Works Department 2022-2024 SOQ



The 2022-2024 City of Las Vegas Public Works' Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) process kicks off February 10, 2022. The SOQ generates category-specific lists of qualified Consultants to provide a variety of public work related professional services.

All communications for the 2022-2024 Public Works' SOQ will be issued through the City's purchasing system - Nevada Government e-Marketplace (NGEM).

All firms interested in participating in the SOQ must ensure they are registered in NGEM (NGEMNV.com) by January 14, 2022. In addition, firms previously registered in NGEM should verify their contact information is current.

SOQ Kickoff is February 10, 2022 at 1:30 pm

Council Chambers
City of Las Vegas - City Hall

Register in NGEM to ensure you receive all formal communications regarding the SOQ.

Please direct questions to:

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUR HELP THE RTC NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Take our On Board Survey (click here) to tell us, where we should invest, and what types of projects are your top priorities as we work to advance our vision for the future: How you'll get to work, school, and play easier, faster and safer.

Let's shape the future of mobility in Southern Nevada together! To learn more about On Board, visit **www.onboardsnv.com**. Don't forget to take and share the survey!

Anyone who takes the survey has a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift card or tickets to watch the Vegas Golden Knights!



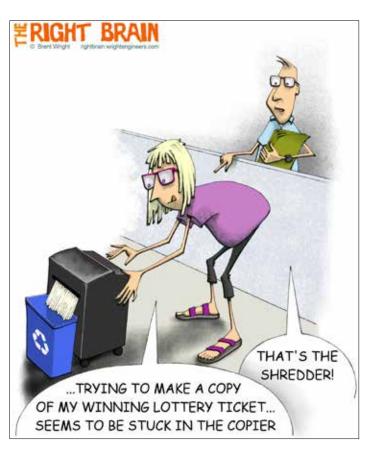
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We'd like to highlight and feature these projects on our Social Media platforms. All we need is for you to send us a photo(s) that we can use on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Linked In..... to recognize your firm's work. Give us the name of the project.... the location....and the name of the firm.

We'll do the rest.

Send all images directly to our Social Media Manager, Lori Lea lorimlea@aecindustrypro.com



I have a soft spot in my heart for absent–minded people since $I^\prime m$ one of them. I'd like to blame it on my age, but I've been like this my whole life. Many is the time I'll stride pop out of my office and stride over to an engineer's cube and then stand there trying to remember why I came. I know if I don't write it down it won't happen, so I send myself reminder messages. Sometimes I'll say, "Hey Siri, email me," and when she says, "What's the subject of the email?" I've already forgotten.

Reminds me of a conversation between two absent-minded engineers: "My memory is so bad!" says the first one.

"How bad is it?" says the other.

"How bad is what?"





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MASS DESIGN GROUP IS AWARDED THE 2022 AIA ARCHITECTURE FIRM AWARD



Every year, the AIA recognizes one firm that has produced notable architecture for at least a decade.

Since its founding in 2008, MASS Design Group has worked tirelessly to ignite systemic change in the built environment through its mission-driven process. As a nonprofit interdisciplinary collective comprising more than 200 architects, engineers, researchers, and even filmmakers, MASS has provided design services worth millions of dollars for projects around the world. Always committed to ensuring its architecture addresses the world's most pressing social issues, MASS continually demonstrates that a healthy built environment is crucial for supporting communities as they confront history, heal, and explore new possibilities for the future.

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CITIZEN ARCHITECT OF THE MONTH

JENNA FRIBLEY, AIA

In another life, Jenna Fribley must have been an archeologist or historian, but today she is an architect, interior designer, teacher, realtor, commissioner, board member, entrepreneur, and community advocate. After establishing her own firm in Springfield, Oregon, Fribley has



become a relentless force behind the revitalization of downtown Springfield. Through her firm and activism, she has worked to excite community members about Springfield's history—and its future. As a citizen architect, Fribley also has helped address the region's affordable housing shortage.

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NOMINATE A CITIZEN ARCHITECT

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AIA Trust has always been a premier risk management resource for AIA members. Our new website makes it even easier to access the risk management solutions and free resources on which members rely. New features include enhanced search and filtering options, streamlined navigation, and product guides. The extensive resource includes webinars, reports, and guides specific to small firms, contracting, management, ownership transition, professional liability, and more.

Visit the new AIA Trust website to explore new content, browse products, or sign up for our newsletter.

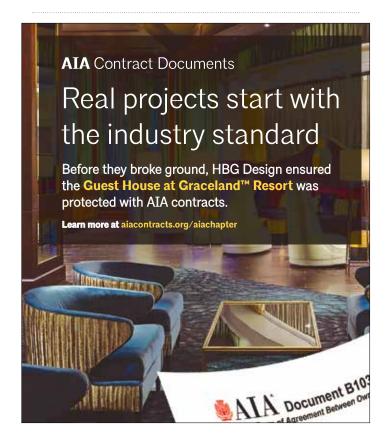


BROOKS AND SCARPA TAKE HOME THE 2022 AIA GOLD MEDAL

The Gold Medal is the AIA's highest annual honor, recognizing individuals whose work has had a lasting influence on the theory and practice of architecture.

Partners in life and design, Angela Brooks, FAIA, and Lawrence Scarpa, FAIA, have forged a pioneering brand of architecture that profoundly enriches the human experience and reveals the extraordinary in what is widely considered ordinary. Across three decades, the excellence of their work has been celebrated internationally, recognized for its unparalleled intersection of collaboration, community, research, and reflection. Moreover, their projects demonstrate a keen understanding of beauty, craft, and the raw power of architecture, standing among the very best of the profession.

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AIA sent its first delegation to the UN Climate Change Conference, COP26, to present, forge partnerships, and meet with political and environmental leaders from more than 200 countries about the architecture industry's role in climate change and decarbonization.

"I started 2020 thinking about architects as first adapters, as indispensable partners whenever health and wellness must be balanced against delight and inspiration in the places where we live our lives," said AIA President Peter Exley, FAIA, in remarks at a panel event. "However, unless we're at the proverbial table for the critical discussions about codes, zoning, material pipelines, land use, evaluating carbon taxes, creating carbon sinks, circular economies, and so much more—then architects have abjured their agency."

"We need to treat the Greta Thunbergs of the world as more than just a voice," Exley added. "We need to mobilize a generation of Gretas and give them resources and education so there's some warranty to the promises we make here at COP26."

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For more than 40 years, Deborah Berke, FAIA, has leveraged her nimble harmonization of education and practice to share the discipline of architecture with students and professionals from a wide range of backgrounds. Through her accessible and purposefully non-monumental pedagogy, Berke advances her deep-rooted



belief that architectural education should be available to everyone. Her contributions and inexhaustible spirit have inspired countless students and design professionals..

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AND THE 2022 WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR. AWARD **GOES TO... VORTEX!**

Named for civil rights leader Whitney M. Young Jr., this award distinguishes an architect or architectural organization that embodies social responsibility and actively addresses a relevant issue, such as affordable housing, inclusiveness, or universal access.



For more than a decade, RIDING THE VORTEX (VORTEX), a collaboration of African-American women representing the entire spectrum of practice, had endeavored to increase the number of people of color licensed to practice architecture in the U.S. Following its 2007 launch at the AIA Conference on Architecture in San Antonio, VORTEX has directly responded to Whitney M. Young Jr.'s observations on the disheartening history of American architecture. Even today, through the first quarter of the 21st century, entry, success, and progress in the profession remain dominated by white men, something VORTEX works tirelessly to change.

VORTEX's key collaborators are architects and design leaders (pictured above) Kathy Denise Dixon, FAIA; Katherine Williams, AIA; Kathryn Tyler Prigmore, FAIA; and Melissa R. Daniel, Assoc. AIA. **CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE**



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- Set direction for the execution of project goals and objectives with project team and clients
- Manage and mentor project team members fostering collaboration, effective communication and quality.
- Contribute to office-wide initiatives and to the overall success of the team.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 7+ years of relevant Hospitality and multi-family experience
- Extensive knowledge of building codes and structures, principles/ practices & construction
- Working knowledge of Revit

SENIOR DESIGNER

As a Senior Designer, you have a strong design perspective and excellent leadership skills. You are highly organized and able to manage multiple projects in a collaborative team setting. You have a minimum of 6 years of experience managing large hospitality and multi-family projects.

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- · Manage multiple concurrent projects
- Present projects and participate in client meetings
- Design full site plans and resolve complex design issues with limited direction
- Conduct site feasibility research site visit investigations. Generate reports and recommendations based on findings.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Professional Degree (B.Arch., M.Arch.)
- Minimum of 6 years architectural design experience
- Proficiency in Revit and Adobe programs

JOBS

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As a Team Leader you will:

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- Provide project team coordination and accurate construction documents.
- Coordinate with the project team, client, vendors and contractors.
- Coordination of consultant and engineering documentation as part of the project including oversight of schedules.
- Coordination with public agencies and jurisdictions.
- · Participation in Construction Administration activities.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Highly proficient in Revit, detailing, construction documents and code issues.
- Proficient in Bluebeam
- Strong technical background and experience putting together a project.
- Professional degree in Architecture is required
- Working knowledge of building codes, standards and building structures
- Flexibility to focus on concurrent projects in various stages of development
- A quick learner with an ability to thrive in a fast-paced work environment

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AIA LV Office Open

AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting
"Las Vegas Museum of Art"

13 AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon "OPEN"

18 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting and AIA LV COTE 2030 Presentation

19 AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting "2021 Kick Off"

AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting

27 AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon "OPEN"



Chinese New Year

2 Groundhog Day

lO UNLV SoA Lecture "Carlos Ratti" and AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon "OPEN"

AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting "TBA"

14 Valentine's Day

15 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

16 AIA LV Membership Meeting "TBA"

AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting

21 President's Day

23 Coffee with an Architect "TBA"

AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon "OPEN"



l Mardi Gras

10 UNLV SoA Lecture "MVRDV" AIA Las Vegas CE Luncheon